

Is God personal or impersonal?

There is undoubtedly a big debate around this issue. Could it not be that God is beyond these designations?

If the statement 'there is no duality' is true then the statement itself must therefore be both true and untrue!

It is a paradox. Like the omnipotence paradox, which states that if God is unlimited then he must be able to limit himself, which means he is not unlimited.

The argument for a personal God, that states 'we have a personality, therefore God must have a personality' seems to stand true for sure; but then we have to scrutinise what we mean by personality, and for that matter what we mean by God.

If God is everything and we accept that there are some personal beings and also impersonal manifestations, then God must include both. But does that mean that God is Two, a personal aspect and an impersonal aspect. Surely at the supreme level God transcends these dualistic designations.

The other argument goes that only by having a relationship with God can real bliss be experienced because it takes Two to have a relationship. But again what do we mean by relationship?

Do you have a relationship with yourself?

It seems a danger to put any presentiment or speculative designation on the subject of God. Perhaps the epistemological scrutiny of knowledge is appropriate here. If we say we know 'that' God is personal and 'that' I am an individual, does this not really fall into the category of belief instead of knowledge. You may feel that you know something but in practice be proved wrong. However, conversely something may be true which you don't believe. With this cautionary attitude I have to sit on the fence and admit I don't know; but if I admit I don't know, this may also be untrue. It may be I do know, just I don't believe it.

If you believe something is untrue but it is actually true then you cannot know it. How will you measure? Faith?

How does faith differ from belief?

Do true and untrue arise out of duality? That would not mean there is no truth, or that nothing can be known. Only that what you know things by

be One.